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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. – 33. (canceled)

34. (currently amended) A computer-implemented method for searching and displaying a structured document including performing ~~an element designated a~~ full-text search to the structured document and highlighted displaying of information on a position of characters meeting a search query in the structured document, the structured document comprising a plurality of elements as its basic structure, the method comprising the steps of:

generating, by a processor, an original analyzed structured document to be searched;

removing, by a processor, predefined ~~elements~~ element tags from the original analyzed structured document, and concatenating content character strings of ~~higher-rank elements and~~ made adjacent in the original analyzed structured document by removal of the removed predefined elements element tags to thereby generate a structured document for a full-text search including the concatenated content character strings omitting the removed predefined element tags, and generating information for restoring the removed predefined ~~elements~~ element tags;

inputting a search query via an input unit;

acquiring, by a processor, information on a position of a character string meeting the search query in the structured document for full-text search;